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WILLIAM COCKE TO JACKSON.

Nashville, June 25, 1798.

Sir, Situated as I am at this time Any Concessions to you from me might be considered as an act of timidity for which reason I deem it improper for me to make any, my honour and your feelings Should both be preserved and Justice Should be rendered to each of us. the Contents of the Letter to which you Allude beeing denyed by you I gave up the Auther and furnished you with A copy the Auther Acknowledgeed the letter and gave Mr Maclins name to you as the person on whose Information he had written. if I have been deceav'd in Crediting false information against you you have been also deceaved in Giveing Credit to false information against me, why then Sir Should you wish me to be Considered the only Culprit in this business I wish not to be the Judge in my own Case and am perfectly willing to ad the Gentleman you have named to those mentioned by Colo Hays and Genl Robertson, if Sir after the Circumstances above mentioned you refuse to leave Our differences to men of reputation Such as you nor no Other person Can Object to I Shall Consider it as intended to wound my honour which I Shall never part with but with my life but [if] you are inclined that all Our differances Should be Ended on fair Just and honorable terms to both, it is my wish but while I express this wish it is not to be understood that the bounds of honour Can be exceeded by me. your H Servt